

mariners beat out teams that included much younger U.S. and Canadian competitors. Scoring an impressive 88 out of a possible 104 points, the Florida Auxiliaries bested the closest competitors, a Canadian team, by an impressive 35 points.

CONGRATULATING GREG
WEATHERFORD ON HIS COMMU-
NITY CONTRIBUTIONS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a student from my district who has been nationally recognized for commendable volunteer service in his community. Greg Weatherford of Little Elm, Texas has

been acknowledged as a distinguished finalist in Texas by the 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each State and the District of Columbia.

Greg, a senior at Little Elm High School, established the youth service organization "Young People Who Care" 4 years ago. This group gives students the opportunity to become active in their community. "Young People Who Care" has established, among other things, a district-wide peer tutoring program, a school and community beautification committee, and a school-wide recycling program. Greg will receive an engraved bronze medalion for his achievements.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to empha-

size to all youth volunteers that their contributions are vitally important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow in their footsteps. Since its founding, the program has become the Nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 80,000 young volunteers at the local, State, and national level.

Greg should be extremely proud of his achievement. I heartily applaud him for the positive impact he has had on the community. Greg has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. It is an honor to represent such an extraordinary young person in the 26th district of Texas, and I earnestly look forward to the positive contributions he will undoubtedly bestow upon the north Texas community.